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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5022

INFO AMEMBASSY HELSINKI PRIORITY

AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, UR (PAPPASTAVROU, GEORGE)

SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: STAG GEORGE PAPPASTAVROU

STATE FOR CU/EE; HELSINKI FOR CAO; LENINGRAD FOR P&C

REF: MOSCOW 17641

1. MIN CULT INFORMED EMBASSY NOVEMBER 29 THAT IT WOULD AUTHORIZE VISA IN HELSINKI AND FACILITATE PAPPASTAVROU APPEARANCES AT MIN CULT-SUPERVISED ORGANIZATIONS IF EMBASSY (A) WOULD PAY INTERNAL EXPENSES AND (B) USE EMBASSY CONTACTS TO GET HOTEL SPACE.

2. THIS INFORMATION FROM OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM OFFICE ALL WEEK APPEARS TO BEAR OUT THEIR EARLIER STORY THAT MIN CULT IN END-OF-YEAR BUDGET SITUATION AND ALSO HAVING TROUBLE WITH HOTEL ALLOCATION. MIN CULT OFFICIAL TOLD US THEY HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST FEW DAYS BY HOTEL ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE "SEVERAL CONGRESSES" AND OTHER LARGE BOOKINGS HAD TAKEN UP HOTEL SPACE. EMBASSY REQUESTING RESERVATION WITH SOME HOPE BUT IF UNSUCCESSFUL PAPPASTAVROU CAN STAY WITH CAO.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE NORMAL PER DIEM AND ROUND-TRIP TRAIN LENINGRAD TO BE CHARGED HIS TRAVEL

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4. PROGRAM NOW SHAPING UP TO INCLUDE DECEMBER 3 3:00 P.M.
COMPOSERS UNION; DECEMBER 4 2:00 P.M. INSTITUTE OF HISTORY
OF ARTS; DECEMBER 3 OR 7 MOSCOW CONSERVATORY; TIME
UNKNOWN HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP AND MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY.

5. FOR LENINGRAD: AS MENTIONED NOVEMBER 29 TELCON,
PLANNING DEC. 9, 10 THERE.
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